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Dear Interested Public,

The BLM Wells Field Office (WFO) has completed the Upper Spruce Spring Chaining and Mastication Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2015-0020-DNA, with a Proposed Action of completing mastication and chaining treatments within the Upper Spruce Spring Treatment Area of the Spruce Restoration Project.

In 2012 the WFO completed an Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-NV-E000-2011-0501-EA) for the Spruce Mountain Restoration Project. This project analyzed the treatments of 18,000 acres with a proposed action of treating up to 10,000 acres of what had been analyzed. The proposed treatments within the Spruce Mountain Restoration Project included: broadcast burning, pile burning, management of wildland fire, chaining, mastication, hand thinning, herbicide, seeding, vegetation treatment protection, firewood cutting, and maintenance. Of these proposed treatments chaining and mastication were not analyzed for the Upper Spruce Spring Treatment area. Upon further investigation of site conditions the BLM, Wells Field Office, is proposing to complete chaining and mastication operations as well within the Upper Spruce Spring Treatment Area.

Enclosed is the Decision Record for the Upper Spruce Spring Chaining and Mastication Treatment DNA dated October 13, 2015. The DNA is available online at the following website: <http://1.usa.gov/1Gf9rEn>.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has not been issued for DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2015-0020-DNA because a FONSI was issued for the selected actions analyzed in the Spruce Mountain Restoration EA in which the DNA referenced.

If you have any questions related to this subject matter or are unable to access the documents online, please contact Matt Murphy, Fuels Program Manager, at (775) 753-0384 or mmurphy@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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